

**UWI BUILDING STANDARDS PROJECT**  
**November 18th, 2002**  
**Committee Meeting Minutes**

**Attendees-** Bob Raymer, CBIA (CM)  
Dave Walls, HCD (CM)  
Kevin Reinertson, HCD (IP)  
Don Oaks, SoCal FPO (CM)  
Rodney Slaughter, SFM  
Kate Dargan, NorCal FPO/CDF-Napa County (CM)  
Tonya Hoover, Norcal FPO/Moraga-Orinda (CM)  
Steve Jensen, CALBO/Marin (CM)  
Vic Peterson, CALBO/Malibu (CM)  
Melissa Frago, SFM

**Review of Previous Meeting-**

- Project team still awaiting CDF legal opinion on scope and authority beyond Very High Fire Hazard Severity Zones and roof/attic regulations – what can committee do to speed up the issuance of this opinion?
- CBSC plans to delay or forego 2003 annual cycle – what cycle will this project be shooting for?
- Cost benefit analysis of construction impacts is needed
- Will these regulations apply to agricultural buildings and pump houses?
- 10/22/02 meeting minutes approved as written.

**Action Items-**

- **Next meeting will be held Tuesday, January 14, 2003 10am-4pm.**
- Scope, purpose, objectives (all)
- Define “Wildland Area” for applicability (SFM)
- Translate testing protocols into performance standards (SFM/UCFPL)

**General Discussion-**

- (Raymer) Building official must have a good base of knowledge and information to reference for enforcement of the proposed regulations
- (Jensen) Will the standards be based on configuration or material specifications?
- (Raymer) Energy Commission regulations may cause conflicts in regard to updating U values of windows and aluminum frames.
- (Walls) Eave vents are limited in some areas to no closer than 20’ from the ground.
- (Peterson) Costs associated with fire prevention should be absorbed by builders and property owners.
- (Oaks) Automatic closing of vents: plastic honeycomb design will melt to prevent ember intrusion. Do they stay in place?
- (Hoover) A gap exists between performance criteria and the material/configuration specifications.
- (Peterson) Fire and building codes need to mesh at the local level.

- (Walls) Exceptions will be needed for manufactured housing that is covered by T25 CFR.
- (Oaks) Evolution of code is gradual by nature, and we probably can't address all issues right now.

**Considerations-**

- What will trigger replacement of windows in existing houses?
- Doors need to be addressed
- Should these regulations address placement and number or size of windows?  
Percentage of wall area covered by windows?
- Committee Intent: Proposed regulations will not regulate vents that do not open directly into the attic area of the structure.